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FOR AMBASSADORS FROM THE SECRETARY

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SUBJECT: LEBANON

1. PLEASE CONVEY TO ASAD AND HUSSEIN RESPECTIVELY THE FOLLOWING POINTS CONCERNING AMBASSADOR BROWN'S LATEST ROUND OF TALKS IN LEBANON.

2. BEFORE LEAVING BEIRUT FOR A MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY IN LONDON AND A BRIEF CONSULTATION IN WASHINGTON (AFTER WHICH HE WILL RETURN TO BEIRUT FOR A SHORT PERIOD), AMBASSADOR BROWN SAW FRANGIE, CHAMOUN AND JUMBLATT.

3. HE AT FIRST FOUND FRANGIE ADAMANT THAT THE SECURITY CONDITIONS WERE NOT ADEQUATE TO ENABLE HIM TO SIGN THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. HE CLAIMED THAT THE AMENDMENT WAS IN PART BASED ON THE ASSUMPTION OF BETTER INTERNAL SECURITY. BROWN ARGUED THAT THE SECURITY SITUATION

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COULD BE EXPECTED TO IMPROVE ONLY IF THE CONSTITUTIONAL

PROCESS MOVED FORWARD PROMPTLY, AND THAT CONTINUED DELAY WOULD MAKE IT ONLY WORSE. FRANGIE ULTIMATELY AGREED TO SIGN THE AMENDMENT, SAYING HE WOULD DO SO THE FOLLOWING DAY SINCE 23 WAS A HOLIDAY. (FRANGIE HAS IN FACT SINCE SIGNED THE AMENDMENT.) FRANGIE, HOWEVER, MAINTAINED TO AMBASSADOR BROWN THAT HE WOULD NOT RESIGN

AFTER THE ELECTION OF A NEW PRESIDENT UNLESS THE SECURITY CONDITIONS THEN PREVAILING WERE ADEQUATE.

4. CHAMOUN ENTERED THE CONVERSATION TOWARD THE END (GEMAYEL WAS NOT AVAILABLE THAT DAY) AND TOOK HIS FAMILIAR STANCE IN FAVOR OF A SEPARATE CHRISTIAN STATE. BROWN ARGUED STRONGLY THE FUTILITY AND DANGER OF SUCH AN OUTCOME, UPON WHICH CHAMOUN AGREED THAT HE WOULD HOLD OFF A FEW YEARS TO GIVE THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT A CHANCE.

5. AMBASSADOR BROWN HAD SEEN JUMBLATT THE PREVIOUS EVENING. JUMBLATT IMPLIED IN THE COURSE OF THE CONVERSATION THAT HE WOULD NOT OPPOSE WHAT HAD BEEN WORKED OUT BETWEEN SYRIA AND ARAFAT, THOUGH HE DID NOT CONSIDER IT IDEAL. HE AGAIN REITERATED HIS OPPOSITION TO A SYRIAN MILITARY INTERVENTION. AMBASSADOR BROWN REMINDED JUMBLATT OF PREVIOUS CONVERSATIONS IN WHICH HE, BROWN, HAD SPOKEN OF THE CONSTRUCTIVE POLITICAL ROLE SYRIA WAS PLAYING IN LEBANON. IT WAS NOW VITAL FOR THE LEBANESE FACTIONS TO COLLABORATE IN SOLVING THEIR OWN PROBLEMS, AND THIS REQUIRED, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE EXERCISE OF RESTRAINT ON EVERYONE'S PART, JUMBLATT INCLUDED. JUMBLATT AGREED, SAYING THAT THE TIME FOR DIALOG HAD ARRIVED. HE WAS PREPARED TO MEET WITH GEMAYEL, AND THOUGHT THE MEETING SHOULD TAKE PLACE AFTER THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS.

6. JUMBLATT THEN EMPHASIZED THE NEED FOR REESTABLISHING SECURITY AND APPEARED OPTIMISTIC ON THIS SCORE. IF A MILITARY COUNCIL WERE FORMED REPRESENTING THE VARIOUS FACTIONS, HE THOUGHT IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE TO PUT TOGETHER A LARGE SEGMENT OF THE ARMY. EAGLEBURGER

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